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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes	Candles : best brands
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises	Soap : treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands	Vestas, by approved makers
Sugars : crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf	Salt : table, fine, and coarse
Bacon, Cheese, Butter : weekly supplies from the best dairies	Raisins : Muscats, Sultanas, and Elemes
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Oils : salad, castor, and kerosene

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens	Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.	

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies : Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case	Moselle : No. 2
Whiskies : Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case	Hock : Gold Leaf
Rum : Lemon Hart's	Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Port : Fine old Offley's, six grape	Ales : Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Sherry : Gonzola, six diamond	Porter : Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Gin : J.W.K. Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell	Cordials : assorted
Old Tom : Burnett's, Bernard's	Sarsaparilla : Singleton's, Townsend's
Claret : St. Julien's	Bitters : Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse	Billies and pannikins
Gunpowder, caps, and shot	Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Long and short handled shovels	Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Spades, sluice forks	Iron boilers
Picks and pickhandles	Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Gold dishes, hose-pipes	Axes and axe-handles
Drills and drilling hammers	Nails, cut and wrought
Manilla and flax ropes	Tacks, clout and American cut
Galvanised and corrugated iron	Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Stoves and piping	Cutlery, a large assortment

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES : CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits : silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac	Dress materials : winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Boys' do.	Flannels ; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Trousers and Vests : Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin	Blankets, rugs, quilts
Shirts : white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed	Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton	Cocoa and felt mattings
Hosiery and hats	Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots : men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons ; Hayward and North British Gum Boots. Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete

Lamps : parlour, hanging, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots ; meerschaum and briar pipes— a choice selection ; patent medicines ; stationery ; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE : Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard ; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS'

GROCERY QUOTATIONS.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s 6d

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Sultanas, 8d per lb

Muscateles, 1s 3d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 6d per lb

Elemes, 7½d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 14s per box

Three-crown Soap, 17s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Lobsters, 11d per tin

Salmon, 1s per tin

Oysters, 7d per tin

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 11d per lb

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Marmalade, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s 6d per box

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Watertights, Elastic Sides and Lace-ups, Colonial Made, 16s 6d and 17s 6d.

Ladies' and Children's Boots (Copper Toes), 6s.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

Having already retired from our other up-country Stores, we have, now that our Mr Arndt is leaving the district, also decided to

GIVE UP OUR CROMWELL BRANCH.

THE WHOLE STOCK,

Consisting of

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, GROCERY, ETC.,

(Being the Largest and Best in any up-country town,) will be sold at prices that, we believe, will induce the people of the Cromwell and Dunstan District to make large purchases.

THE PREMISES,

Which would make a first-class Hotel (unless let or sold privately), will be sold by auction.

Persons desirous of purchasing a portion or the whole of the Business will be liberally dealt with.

Also,

VALUABLE SECTIONS AND BUILDINGS,

The Property of Mr Arndt, are in the market, and if not sold privately, will be offered by auction.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.

W. TALBOYS'

PRICE LIST OF

SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &c.

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Good Winceys, 10d, 11d and 1s

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

Double-width Plaid, 2s 6d

Black Silks, 60s ; Colored, 50s the dress

Black and Colored Lustres, 1s 2d

New Prints, fast colors, 6d, 8d and 10d

Newest patterns in Muslins, 10d and 11d

Latest fashions in Costumes, 17s 6d

Horrock's Calico, 36in, 6s 6d per doz. ; Unbleached, 6s

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 13s per doz.

Blankets, all colors, from 15s

Brown Holland, 8d, 10d and 1s

Linen Diaper, 1s, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Fancy Linen Checks, 11d

Best Flannel, 1s 6d, 1s 9d and 2s

Muslin Curtains, 8s 6d the set

Tweed, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Floorcloths

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, in Colonial and English Tweeds and make

Suits, 37s 6d, 40s, 45s and 50s

Drill Suits, 25s

Trowsers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s and 27s 6d

Trowsers, Tweed, 12s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s and 18 6d

Coats, 17s 6d, 20s, 25s and 30s ; Pilot Cloth, 20s, 25s, and 27s 6d ; Holland, 6s 6d and 8s 6d ; Silk, 22s 6d

White Moles, 8s 6d ; Colored, 10s 6d

Knit Drawers, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d ; Mosgiel, 9s 6d ; Serge, 7s 6d ; Cotton and Merino, 3s, 3s 6d and 4s

Shirts—Flannel, 6s, 6s 6d and 7s 6d ; Shepherd's Plaid, 7s 6d, 8s 6d and 9s 6d ; Crimean, 6s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d ; Linen, 2s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.

Boys' Colored Moles, 7s.

MILLINERY, UNDERCLOTHING, FISCHUES AND FANCY GOODS

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Cromwell



N O T I C E
The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:

CLYDE — January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" " February 6, 13, 20 and 27
" " March 6, 13, 20 and 27
" " April 3, 10, 17 and 24
" " May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
" " June 5, 12, 19 and 26

CROMWELL — January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
" " February 7, 14, 21 and 28
" " March 7, 14, 21 and 28
" " April 4, 11, 18 and 25
" " May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
" " June 6, 13, 20 and 27

ALEXANDRA — January 13
" " February 10
" " March 10
" " April 7
" " May 5
" " June 2 and 30

[The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]

ROXBURGH — January 7
" " February 4
" " March 4
" " April 1 and 29
" " May 27
" " June 24

BLACKS — January 14
" " February 11
" " March 11
" " April 8
" " May 6
" " June 3.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden and R.M.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH-BUILDER,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. FRETSCHE,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,
Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,
where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
Suez Mail, his
first consignment of
SILVER HUNTING
LEVER WATCHES
of direct from the
this district, he
can with confidence recommend them to the
public both as regards finish and accuracy of
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-
celled in the colony.

E. M. has made arrangements for regular sup-
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address —

E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

DOCTOR THOMAS
(from Collins and Lonsdale-streets, Mel-
bourne) may be consulted at his rooms, Octagon,
Dunedin, north-east corner, next Working Men's
Club. Consulting hours from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.
Sunday included.

Young, middle-aged and elderly men suffering
from Debility of the Generative System,
Nervous, Skin and Contagious Diseases should
consult the Doctor personally or by letter, en-
closing stamps for a reply.

The following nominations have been passed
by Dr Thomas: — Licentiate Royal College of
Physicians, London, 1864; Doctor of Medicine,
University of Giessen, Germany, 1871; Member
of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, 1859;
and Licentiate in Midwifery, 1864.

Cases of Medicine forwarded to any part of
New Zealand.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY.
RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE
COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Agent, Cromwell.

SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL ... £750,000.
With unlimited liability of Shareholders.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

JOHN DAVIE, Esq. (Messrs M'Landress, Hep-
burn, and Co.)
JAMES MILLS, Esq., Manager Union Steam
Ship Company.
JAMES RATTRAY, Esq. Messrs J. Rattray and
Co.)
GEORGE TURNBULL, Esq. (Messrs W. and G
Turnbull and Co.)

CROMWELL AGENTS: D. A. JOLLY & Co.

The popularity of the South British among
the insuring public is best shown by the large
and steady increase in its business.

FIRST YEAR'S PREMIUM RECEIPTS ... £34,032
SECOND DO. DO. ... 69,041
THIRD DO. DO. ... 95,184

Every description of Fire Insurance business
undertaken. The liberality and promptness in
settlement which have been important features
in securing the above rapid progress still charac-
terise the South British.

Every information supplied by

D. A. JOLLY & CO.,
Agents, Cromwell.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-
ing districts that, having now completed the
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with
machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills
in complete working order with the best appli-
ances obtainable and are prepared to supply
Manufactured Timber of every description;
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY,
Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.
Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.
Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels.
Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K. M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron
Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY, CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER ... Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a
CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and
Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARM-
ERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS

Having purchased the business as General Black-
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately carried
on by Mr K. Cayford, begs to inform the
public that he is in a position to execute every
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,
Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS, AND GENERAL
STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in
intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND
FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which
will be found to compare most favorably as to
price with those of any establishment on the
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made
arrangements for a constant supply of
FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they
have entered into arrangements for the regular
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an
advantage which they feel sure their customers
will fully appreciate.

ARGUS PRINTING OFFICE,
CROMWELL.

Every Class of Work

CHEAP! PROMPT! EXCELLENT!

Miscellaneous.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,
Supply First-class
SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND
POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,
—cannot be excelled in the Colony.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his
Fruterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Lukes),
COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

COBB AND CO.'S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE,
Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & CO.,
Proprietors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.
Impurity of the Blood.—Enfeebled
Existence.

This medicine embraces every attribute re-
quired in a general and domestic remedy; it
overturns the foundation of disease laid by
defective food and impure air. In obstruction or
congestion of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any
other organs, these Pills are especially service-
able and eminently successful. They should be
kept in readiness in every family, being a
medicine of incomparable utility for young
persons, particularly to those of feeble constitutions.

Biliousness, Loss of Appetite, Headache
and Lowness of Spirits.

These Pills effect a truly wonderful change in
debilitated constitutions, as they create a healthy
appetite, correct indigestion, remove excess of
bile, and overcome giddiness, headache, and
palpitation of the heart.

Mothers and Daughters.

If there is one thing more than another for
which these pills are famous it is their purifying
properties, especially their power of cleansing
the blood from all impurities, removing dan-
gerous congestions, and renewing suspended
secretions. Universally adopted as the one
grand remedy for female complaints, these Pills
never fail, never weaken the system, and always
bring about what is required.

Nervous Debility.

Persons who feel weak, low, and nervous,
may rest assured some serious ailment is looming
in the distance, against which instant action
should be taken. These renowned Pills present
the ready means of exciting energetic action on
the liver, liberating accumulated bile, and lifting
at once a load from the spirits and expelling
poison from the body.

Indigestion, Stomach, and Liver Com-
plaints.

Persons suffering from any disorders of the
liver, stomach, or other organs of

Cromwell



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,
In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS FOOT,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,

C R O M W E L L .

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

CROMWELL COAL PIT.

EDWARD M'NULTY,

Having re-opened the above Pit, has determined to

REDUCE THE PRICE OF COAL

TO

24s PER TON,

Delivered at his Customers' Residences in Cromwell, on and after

SATURDAY, 1ST MARCH.

ED. M'NULTY,

Cromwell Coal Pit.

GEORGE JENOUR, Agent.



COACH TO LAKE WANAKA.

KIDD'S MAIL COACH

Leaves Goodger's Hotel, Cromwell,

FOR LAKE WANAKA

Every

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Morning, at 7 o'clock, returning the following day.

Booking Office for Passengers and Parcels
GOODGER'S HOTEL, CROMWELL.

Hotels

KIRTLBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

R. ANDERSON ... Proprietor.

The above well-known hotel has recently been refitted, and now affords the most comfortable accommodation

Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best brands.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. MCOKMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B. - The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

FOR THE GOODS, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B. - Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,
with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY

KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

Miscellaneous.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUnderland Street, Clyde.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:-

Stabling, per night	... 6s
Single Feed	... 2s
Meals and Bed, each	... 2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	... 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B. - A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

WAKATIPU STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE NEW S. S. MOUNTAINEER,

Captain T. PATERSON,

Carrying H. M. Mails, will Leave

QUEENSTOWN FOR KINGSTON

DAILY, at 9.30 a.m.,

Meeting the Invercargill Train, and Returning

to Queenstown at 2.30 p.m.

The Directors, having REDUCED the rates hitherto ruling on all kinds of Freight, hope to secure thereby the greatest share of the Lake traffic, and draw the attention of the Travelling Public to the Superior Passenger Accommodation and the high rate of speed of this splendid Boat.

Goods for the Arrow District stored here until the Frankton Agency is established.

The Public are invited to avail themselves of the Season Tickets issued by the Company.

For particulars, apply to the Captain or the undersigned.

LEWIS HOTOP,
Manager, Queenstown, February 13th, 1879.



N O T I C E

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.

AND WILLIAMS & ARCHER.

Have much pleasure in informing the Public that, owing to the extraordinary increase of traffic on the Lake since the completion of the Railway, they have decided to run their powerful

Paddle-steamer

ANTRIM

And their clipper-built Screw-steamer

JANE WILLIAMS,

As hitherto (Thrice Weekly)

To and from Kingston at a reduced rate of

TWELVE SHILLINGS & SIXPENCE PER TON

Delivered either at QUEENSTOWN or

FRANKTON, the Agent's Charges at Kingston

included in the above-referred-to freight.

FARM PRODUCE

From FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN to KINGSTON at 7s 6d per ton (exclusive of Agent's charges

at Kingston).

WOOL AND HIDES

To KINGSTON, 14s per ton (inclusive of Agent's

charges at Kingston).

PASSENGERS' FARE

To and from KINGSTON, 5s each Passenger.

Passengers returning the same day charged

Single Fare.

J. W. ROBERTSON & Co., having every facility for continuing the business in the same efficient manner as hitherto, will still continue to bestow the same attention to Goods consigned to them. They request the Consignees to instruct their correspondents to address their Goods to the care of

J. W. ROBERTSON & Co.,

Queenstown.

Queenstown, the 4th day of March, 1879.

GOOD STABLING.

Miscellaneous.

C A U T I O N.
BOOT DEALERS, MINERS & GENERAL STOREKEEPERS

Are Warned against Buying

M I N I N G G U M B O O T S

Got up to resemble the manufacture of

N O R T H B R I T I S H R U B B E R C O M P A N Y,

And so closely copied both in name and

appearance as to deceive all

but the most careful

purchasers.

All the Boots manufactured by the North British Rubber Company bear, on the heel and instep, the words "North British Rubber Company, Edinburgh," and inside the thigh are stamped, with the seal of the Company, a Pair of Scales Suspended from a Dagger.

NEILL and CO.,
Bond-street, Dunedin,
Sole Agents for the North British Co.

CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER 1879.

CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, 2 sovs. forfeit, with 50 sovs. added by the Club. For 3-year-olds, bred in Vincent and Lake Counties. Derby weights—Colts, 8st 10lbs.; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1879, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR,
Secretary.

O T A G O G O L D F I E L D S.
Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,
Cromwell, March 24, 1879.

Vincent County Gazette.

TENDERS will be received at the County Offices, Clyde, up till noon of WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of April, 1879, for the PURCHASE of the OLD MATERIAL now lying at the site of the Kirtleburn Bridge. Delivery to be given on the ground.

Tenders to be addressed to the "Chairman," and marked "Tender for Kirtleburn Bridge."

Neither the highest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

L. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.

County Offices,
Clyde, March 25, 1879.

C O N T R A C T N o. 5 2.

TENDERS will be received at the County Offices, Clyde, up till Noon of TUESDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1879, for the CONSTRUCTION of a TRAFFIC SUSPENSION BRIDGE (Iron) over the River Molyneux at Alexandra.

Plan and specification may be seen at the County Offices, Clyde, and at the office of Mr R. Hay, C.E., Princes-street, Dunedin, where also forms of tender, &c., may be obtained.

Tenders to be addressed to the Chairman, and marked outside "Tender for Contract No. 52."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

L. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.

County Offices, Clyde,

March 20, 1879.

C O U N T Y R A T E S.

ALL RATES due to the County must be paid forthwith, otherwise they will be sued for, as the law directs.

JOHN S. DICKIE,
Collector.

County Offices, Vincent,
March 31st, 1879.

D E P A S T U R I N G.

The RANGER will be in Attendance at the County Offices, Cromwell, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 4th and 5th inst., to receive Applications for Depasturing Licenses for the Cromwell Depasturing District.

JOHN S. DICKIE,
Ranger.

County Offices, Vincent,
March 31st, 1879.

B O R O U G H O F C R O M W E L L.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BURGESS LIST and DEFAULTERS' LIST are now lying for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Cromwell.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.

N O T I C E.

ALL DEBTS due to Mr OWEN PIERCE, butcher, Cromwell, are required to be paid to the undersigned on or before THURSDAY, 3rd April, otherwise immediate proceedings will be taken for recovery of same.

JAMES MARSHALL.

Cromwell, 25th March.

N O T I C E.

ALL CATTLE and HORSES found on Hawkesburn Station after the 1st of April will be impounded without further notice unless arranged for, and the brands left with me, before that date.

R. STEWART,
Manager.

V. R.

I N B A N K R U P T C Y.

In the matter of "The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876," and of the Bankruptcy of Daniel Scally and George Michael Starkey, trading at Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, as Hotelkeepers, under the firm of "Scally and Starkey."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the District Court of the Otago Gold Fields helden at Cromwell on Thursday the tenth day of April, 1879, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as practicable, by or on behalf of the abovenamed Daniel Scally and George Michael Starkey for an Order of Discharge from all claims and demands provable on their joint and separate estates respectively, in accordance with Section 184 of the abovementioned Act.

F. J. WILSON, Clyde,
Solicitor for the Bankrupts.

C R O M W E L L K I L W I N N I N G
L O D G E (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, 10th instant, at 8 o'clock.

Business : Passings.

By order of the R. W. M.
J. A. PRESHAW,
Secretary.

S A T U R D A Y, 5 t h A P R I L,
At 2 p.m.

At Stuart's Hotel, Cromwell.

M T. P I S A W A T E R - R A C E.

By Auction.

C H A R L E S C O L C L O U G H,
will sell by public auction, at Stuart's Hotel, Cromwell, on Saturday, 5th April, at 2 p.m.,

That Valuable Property known as the M T. P I S A W A T E R - R A C E, commencing in Tinwall Creek and terminating at Lowburn, with the right of 12 Heads of Water.

The Race commands all the auriferous country throughout its length, and can be extended to any part of the Cromwell Flat if required for irrigation purposes.

T E R M S A T S A L E.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

S A T U R D A Y, 5 t h A P R I L,

At 3 p.m.

At Angel's Hotel, Bannockburn.

E x p r e s s W a g g o n, F u r n i t u r e,
&c., &c., &c.

C H A R L E S C O L C L O U G H,
will sell by public auction, at Angel's Hotel, Bannockburn, on Saturday, 5th April, at 3 o'clock,

Express Waggon	Iron Bedsteads
Chairs	Bedding
Pictures	Watches
Eight-day Clock	Guns
Bellows	Billies
Revolver	And sundry Articles

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

S A T U R D A Y, 19 T H A P R I L, 1879,

At One o'Clock, Prompt.

I M P O R T A N T
S A L E B Y A U C T I O N
O F

V E R Y S U P E R I O R C A T T L E !

A N D

W E L L B R E D H O R S E S !

A T G O O D G E R ' S Y A R D S, C R O M W E L L.

C H A R L E S C O L C L O U G H,
under instructions from Mr GORDON, of Teviot, will Sell by Public Auction, at Goodger's Yards, Cromwell, on Saturday, 19th April, at One o'clock, sharp—

50 HEAD OF WELL-BRED CATTLE,
Comprising—

3 superior Dairy Cows, in calf
5 Heifers, two and four-year-olds
20 Steers, from two to four years old
12 young stock
4 Cows.

SIX VALUABLE HORSES, VIZ.,

1 four-year-old Colt by "Chorister"	do
1 three-year-old Colt	do
1 three-year-old Filly	do
1 bay Horse, 6 years, good roadster	do
1 black Colt, 5 years, by "Abdallah"	do
1 bay Mare, 5 years,	do

The Auctioneer desires to direct special attention to this Sale, as it offers an opportunity for securing really well-bred and satisfactory stock rarely to be met with on the goldfields. All the animals have been reared with great care, and are in first-class condition.

Settlers would do well to attend the sale, as such a chance is not likely to offer again for some time.

Note Date and Place of Sale:

S A T U R D A Y, 19 T H A P R I L

(At One o'clock prompt),

A T G O O D G E R ' S Y A R D S, C R O M W E L L.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Auctioneer.

B A N N O C K B U R N P U B L I C
L I B R A R Y.

The ANNUAL MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the Library on MONDAY EVENING, 7th April, at 7.30.

Business : Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, and Election of new Committee.

A. ANDERSON,
Librarian.

T E N D E R S F O R C O A L.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till THURSDAY, 3rd April, for SUPPLYING the Cromwell Quartz-mining Co., Bendigo, with COAL for steam engine.

Specifications may be seen at Mr G. W. Goodger's, Cromwell, or at the Company's mine, Bendigo.

CHARLES TODD,
Mill Manager.

F O R S A L E,

A Bargain,

That Eligible PROPERTY situate at the junction of Murray- and Innescourt-streets, being one of the best situations in the town, at present owned and occupied by Mr James Ritchie.

Title—Crown Grant.

For terms and other particulars, apply to the Proprietor,

JAMES RITCHIE.

T O C A P I T A L I S T S.

F O R S A L E B Y T E N D E R.

The GIBBSTON COAL PIT and PLANT, all in good order.

Tenders to be sent in not later than the 20th April, 1879.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars, apply to the Proprietor,

RICHARD D. OWENS,
Morven Ferry.

A. O. F.

C O U R T R O Y A L O A K O F K A -
W A R A U, No. 4929.

P R E L I M I N A R Y N O T I C E.

A N N I V E R S A R Y B A L L

ON OR ABOUT 9 T H M A Y.

P A R T I C U L A R S I N F U T U R E I S S U E.

By order,

CHARLES KOCH,
Secretary.

A N E T E R T A I N M E N T,
In aid of
S T. A N D R E W ' S P A R S O N A G E B U I L D I N G
F U N D.

Will be held on

F R I D A Y E V E N I N G, 25 T H A P R I L,

In the

C R O M W E L L A T H E N E U M U M.

P R O G R A M M E I N F U T U R E I S S U E.

B E N D I G O P U B L I C S C H O O L.

A C O N C E R T A N D B A L L,

In aid of funds of above, will be held in C A M E R O N ' S H A L L, L O G A N T O W N,

ON

F R I D A Y, 4 T H A P R I L, 1879.

Tickets of admission: Single, 5s; Double, 7s 6d.

R E F R E S H M E N T S P R O V I D E D.

Concert to commence at 7.30 p.m.

W. M. CAMERON,
Secretary.

P I P E C L A Y S L U D G E C H A N N E L
C O. (L I M I T E D).

TENDERS are required for the CONSTRUCTION of Twelve Chains of CHANNEL (balance of Ritchie and Co.'s contract, and at their risk and cost).

Tenders to be sent to the Company's Office, Cromwell, not later than Noon of SATURDAY, 5th April.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAS. MARSHALL,

Manager.

F O R S A L E.

T W O - H O R S E - P O W E R M A C H I N E.

Apply,
THOS. ANDERSON,
Clutha Valley.

G O L D M I N I N G.

Any Miner in want of a safe Investment, by applying to the undersigned, will hear of a good thing. Capital required, 300 guineas.

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE,
Auctioneer, Alexandra.

N O T I C E T O M I N E R S.

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, from and after this date, all Applications made to the Court through us must be prepaid, or no attention will be given to them.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
JAS. MARSHALL,
Mining Agents.

C R O M W E L L R I F L E
V O L U N T E E R S.

CAPTAIN'S PARADE on WEDNESDAY, 2nd inst., in the Drill Hall.
A full attendance desired.

S. N. BROWN,
Captain Commanding.

V. R.

D I S T R I C T O R D E R.

Lake District Volunteer Office,
Queenstown, 31st March, 1879.

MAJOR WITHERS, Inspector of Volunteers, will inspect the Corps in this District at their respective Drill-sheds as follows:—

The Queenstown Rifles on MONDAY, 7th April, 1879, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Arrow Rifles on TUESDAY, 8th April, 1879, at 8 o'clock p.m.

TENDERS WANTED for QUARRYING and Delivering Stone at Cromwell Schoolhouse.—Apply to masons on the ground.

DEATH.

At Cromwell, on the morning of Monday, 31st March, KATE MARY, beloved wife of J. Solomon, aged 34 years. *Requiescat in pace.*

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1879.

THE manner in which the County Council business is conducted has been written of by us on more than one occasion, and, as this is a matter in which the readers of THE ARGUS are greatly interested, we make no excuse for again reverting to it, in the hope that some remedy may be applied. We may at once say that the special feature in the conduct of business to which we take exception is that of "going into committee," and the way in which this affects the public may be told in a few words. There being two newspapers published in the County, it does not at first sight seem unreasonable to expect that each would have a reporter present at the Council meetings. But under existing circumstances, to THE ARGUS this means a considerable loss of time and some expense, without adequate results; while to our Clyde contemporary it can scarcely be less grievous. Let us, as shortly as possible, sketch the course of procedure at an ordinary meeting of Council, and assume that a reporter has travelled from Cromwell to Clyde to report the business. The Council meets at noon, and, after reading and confirming minutes, adjourns for lunch. Assembling again at two—for County Councillors must have ample time to digest their food as well as their ideas—lengthy schedules of correspondence are read, and a multitude of small questions asked and answered. The Chairman then probably makes some verbal—if not verbose—reports, and then—the Council resolves itself into committee to squabble unheard and unseen over some weighty topic—whether Bill, Tom, and Dick shall receive 7s 6d or three half-crowns a day, or some such serious matter. This committee business means exclusion of the public and the Press representatives, who are for at least a couple of hours left to fill up time as best they may, and some half-dozen hotels being handy and no other attraction, this may be deemed a very easy matter. By five o'clock the committee have amicably settled their differences, and the clerk reads in solemn tones, "Your committee have to report," &c., that said Tom, Bill and Dick are to receive the same remuneration as heretofore. This fact is seized upon with avidity by the reporters, who are glad of any crumb of information. The engineer's report is then read, and of course such a weighty document cannot be deliberated upon before the vulgar public, and the Council—resolves into committee. Out go the herd, and merrily follow the reporters, who find comfort in a cup of tea and consolation in being told that the Council has adjourned till eight p.m. Hurrying up at that hour they find the doors closed, and are informed in a stage whisper by a probable contractor, who is endeavoring to insert his nose through a crack in the door, that "they are in committee." Two hours pass, and there is a buzz of excitement among the few remaining expectants. Out troop the exhausted councillors, and the clerk having intimated that proceedings are adjourned till 10 a.m. next day, refreshment, after the fatigues of the day, is sought in a snug hostelry. The after proceedings may be quite as fatiguing, but of this we cannot speak. At ten o'clock next morning the members congregate, but again "committee" is resorted to, and it is high noon—and lunch time—before it rises and reports progress. After lunch the notices of motion are taken, and now the ratepayers and reporters are privileged to remain and listen to and note the well-rounded periods and easy-flowing eloquence of members. Fortunately there will be no more "committee" doings this meeting, so the hungry Pressmen are eager to catch every word that falls that they may be recorded for all time in the local chronicles. On every subject, great or small, each member feels himself bound to give expression to his opinions, so it need not be said that a very limited order paper suffices for an afternoon's palaver. Then the chairman having, in his blandest tones, congratulated members on the amount of business transacted (and that there is a good deal done we don't deny), pronounced his fatherly benediction, puts his hands in his breeches pocket over his cheque, and the proceedings close "with the usual vote," &c.

This is no fancy sketch, but the experiences of the representative of this journal at the Council meeting before last. Can it therefore be wondered at that a feeling of annoyance is provoked, and that the meetings of the County Council begin to lose importance in the eyes of the Press and of the public? To summarise the subject, it simply means that two days valuable time are wasted in dancing attendance on the Council, out of which time scarcely four hours are spent at the reporter's table. This is a serious matter to up-country papers with limited staffs, and if the present injudicious style of doing business is persevered in, it is not unlikely Councillors will be left to address their oratory to an empty hall. Speaking for ourselves, we are sick of the thing, and while

having every desire to do justice to the Council and to our readers by giving a fair and impartial report of proceedings, we are not prepared to do so at a greater cost than the game is worth. Looking at the report of last meeting published in the *Dunstan Times*—and which we reprint for the reasons before given—we can see that the "committee" absurdity has bulked largely, and the result is that the report is of a very meagre kind. And yet Councillors, who have the remedy in their own hands, complain of this and put on injured airs, entirely forgetting that while they continue to allow the present system it is next to impossible to give a fair report. Reading reports of other Councils, we do not see that "Committee" has gained such a prominent place as in Vincent, and yet other Councils seem to get on quite as well as this in most things, and in not a few a good deal better. It is just about time to adopt some other method, if the Council do not desire to have the reputation of doing the public business in a hole-and-corner fashion. If committee business is a necessity, why not call the Councillors together to transact it some hours before the public and the Press are admitted, and let it be known when the open Council will sit. If it must be that hours shall be spent in free-and-easy deliberation, why not let it be understood that the Council will devote the whole of the first day to this delectable pursuit, and that on the morning of the second day public business will be commenced and adhered to till the close. Then the public and the Press would know what to do, and the present annoyance and inconvenience would be done away with, and the result, in our opinion, be a great advantage to all concerned. We hope to see the Councillors at next meeting take decided steps to remedy the present absurd system, which is growing in proportions every month. Brought into the Council on the shoulders of the chairman's parliamentary experience, with a view, we suppose, to give an air of dignity to the representative body, "Committee" has become a nuisance and a hindrance to the public business.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, April 1, 12.29 p.m.

The Criminal Calendar for Supreme Court is light, there being 11 cases of the average kind.

The Suez mail was delivered here last night.

William Black has been found dead near the Akaroa lighthouse. He was an old Otago settler, having resided at Milton for many years.

Tenders are to be called in a few days for the first section of the Palmerston-Waihemo railway.

The Custom's revenue at Dunedin for last quarter is £100,162 being £1,600 less than the March quarter of 1878.

Sixteen claims have been lodged against the City Corporation for damage by the late flood.

At the inquest on Banks, the cook of the ship *Loch Fergus*, it was shown that the blow which caused his death was struck by Jones, the apprentice, in self-defence.

The Wellington *Chronicle* denies that its recent attack on the Premier was inspired.

The Zealandia with the inward mail left Frisco on March 27.

Pitt, a solicitor at Reefton, was drowned while crossing the Ahaura river.

The receipts of the Amberley-Bluff section of railway during the past four weeks show an increase of nearly 50 per cent. over last year's.

R. J. Seddon, who has just returned from the Waimate Plains, informs the Wellington *Chronicle* that no particular excitement is felt either by Natives or settlers. The Natives actually resident on the Plains had nothing to do with the removal of the surveyors; it was a party of Natives from Parihaka, some 40 in number. Seddon inclines to the opinion that there will be no disturbance, and should the surveyors once more be placed upon the Plains, survey will be allowed to proceed without further interruption.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, March 27.

The plague is raging at Siberia.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs has stated that Yakob Khan is willing to surrender all his claims to the Amership in favor of the British Crown.

The Queen's visit to Italy is on account of her health, which is not satisfactory.

March 8.

In the House of Lords Earl Cranbrook said the Government had received no news from India which in any way confirmed the reported rupture in Afghan negotiations.

Earl Beaconsfield said an enquiry into the cause of present depression in trade and agriculture could not have any practical result, but possibly an enquiry into the effects of the depreciation in value of silver may hereafter become necessary.

The Queen has arrived in Italy.

March 29.

COMMERCIAL.—Money is rather firm; the stock markets show no noticeable alteration. Bank shares are depressed by reason of the Oriental Bank's statement. Debentures are quiet. Wool of medium qualities commands the best rates. The heaviest fall has been in superfine and inferior sorts.

The race for the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase took place to-day—liberator, first; Jacko, second; Martha, third.

The first reinforcements for the Zulu campaign landed at Natal on 5th inst. The remainder embark on the 10th. The relieving of Eshowe will shortly be attempted. There is no truth in the rumor that the Zulus made overtures for peace. An attack by the Basutos has been repulsed.

The Exhibition Commissioners will to-day consider proposals to invite the Prince of Wales to open the Melbourne Exhibition.

PARIS, March 29.

The French Government undertake the expense of transporting exhibits to Sydney.

CALCUTTA, March 30.

Sandeman's camp at Baghakana was attacked by 2,000 of the enemy, who were completely defeated with a loss of 150; our loss small.

INTERCOLONIAL.

SYDNEY, March 31.

Jem Mace, Joe Thompson and Foley have been arrested for complicity in the recent prize-fight. They were remanded to Deniliquin, on 9th prox., light bail accepted.

Brother of the mystic tie will please note that the next ordinary meeting of the Cromwell Lodge takes place on Thursday, 10th inst.

Mr Ward, our obliging Postmaster, intimates that in future the mails for Dunedin and intermediate offices will close at Noon, instead of 11.30, as heretofore.

The amount of tender for erecting an additional class-room in the Cromwell School is £548. As already intimated, Mr R. Martin, of Dunedin, is the contractor.

Rabbits and thistles are making strong headway throughout the Dunstan district. In some places may be seen beds of thistle-down of considerable extent, and some inches deep. First gale, these are wafted abroad to form next year's crop.

Mr Sutton, a New South Wales ex-Minister, has resigned his seat in Parliament, alleging that he is convinced that a mean cringing servility is requisite to sustain popularity. How many New Zealand politicians might go and do likewise on similar grounds!

Our Bendigo friends intend having a concert and ball on Friday evening first, in aid of the funds of the recently-established local school, which we believe is making good progress under the teacher, Mr Johnston. To render the affair both pleasant and profitable, every effort is being made by residents, and we hope to record that the desired ends have been achieved beyond their expectations.

In another column will be found the dates when Major Withers will inspect the Volunteer Companies in the Lakes District. Wednesday week is the date of his arrival in Cromwell, on the evening of which day he will inspect the Cromwell corps. Captain's parade is called for to-morrow evening at the usual hour. In view of the Major's visit it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Mr A. Hotop, whose performances on the violin at various entertainments in this district delighted his hearers, is now located in Invercargill, where his abilities as a musician are highly appreciated. Speaking of Mr Hotop at a recent concert, the *News* thinks him a valuable addition to the ranks of Southland instrumentalists, and says his playing was listened to with evident delight, and heartily re-demanded, a portion of it being repeated.

In connection with his alleged discovery of payable quartz reefs in Wellington Provincial District, Mr Dan. Moore—otherwise known as "Oily" up the *Arrow*—asks from the Hutt County Council as a condition of his pointing out the reefs, that he will give the gold duty for a term of 15 years. The Council for themselves agreed to the terms, but declined to pledge their successors. As Mr Moore's terms are somewhat on the principle, "no cure, no pay," it may be that he has dropped on something good. But we have our doubts.

Modesty has long been recognised as one of the leading characteristics of the *Dunstan Times*, and a further illustration of this quality is given in its last number. After announcing that the surveyors of the Strathgairn railway line had, on Monday last, erected "for the first time their flags in Clyde," our modest friend proceeds to remark, "Now that the laying out of the line is completed, we hope soon to hear of tenders for the various sections being called for." The italics are ours, and the words go to show that Clyde is the Alpha and Omega of the Times.

The new Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, with Lady Robinson and suite, arrived in Wellington harbor on Wednesday evening last, and landed next morning. His Excellency was received by the Hon. Colonel Whitmore, Hon. J. T. Fisher, Hon. J. MacAndrew, Hon. J. Ballance, and Hon. J. Sheehan. The ships and the city were gaily dressed with bunting, and fully 5000 people were gowned round the landing-place. It is understood that Governor Robinson will only make a very short stay at Wellington, and will proceed to Auckland in a man-of-war, and from thence make a tour of the whole colony.

Mr Willmott, District Surveyor at Queenstown, with staff, is now camped in the Clutha Valley, and has no doubt ere this commenced the survey of the blocks set aside for settlement in that locality. We do not know what particular lands his operations will include, but it is highly satisfactory to know that there is some prospect of the land hunger being to some extent satisfied at an early date. The question is asked in this division, How is the Dunstan District Surveyor engaged, that it is necessary to get the Wakatipu office to do this work? and we confess we should like to be able to answer the query. Surveyor Mackay and staff must be kept very busy in the lower end of the District, as his presence to execute small surveys for settlers in this locality cannot be obtained, and much grumbling is the consequence. It may be deemed impertinent, yet we really would like to know how the Dunstan office is managed.

Dr Leahy has been appointed Surgeon to the Clyde gaol.

The shooting season for native game opened to-day and continues for four months.

We are indebted to the *Dunstan Times* for report of proceedings at last week's meeting of the County Council, held at Clyde.

It is understood that the local insurance companies do not intend to pay on risks taken by them until after the expiry of 60 days from the lodgement of the claims.

We have in type a sketch of the lecture on Temperance delivered by the Hon. W. Fox on Friday evening last before a large audience in Cromwell. We regret, however, that the exigencies of space compel us to hold the matter over till next issue.

At last meeting of the Education Board, it was decided to erect a lean-to of three rooms at the Nevis School, for the accommodation of the teacher. We are pleased to learn that the scholars under Mr Potter are making marked progress, to the great satisfaction of parents in the Nevis district.

When, yesterday morning, it became known that Death had claimed another victim in our small community in the person of the respected wife of our townsman Mr J. Solomon, the deepest sympathy was felt and expressed by all for the bereaved husband and family. The deceased lady was a general favorite with all classes of the community, and was ever foremost in any effort for good in our midst. Her cheerful presence will be sorely missed in the wide circle of friends among whom she was wont to move. The funeral, which took place to-day, was largely attended. Rev. Father Kehoe conducted service at the grave.

We have received a lengthy letter from "Lake County Correspondent *Otago Daily Times* and *Witness*," in reference to the wordy warfare now raging between the writer and the conductor of the *Arrow Observer*. The "Correspondent" lashes out very strongly against the "young person" who runs the *Observer* and a sympathiser in the character of "Nemesis," and if strong language and bitter invective could crush them, the "Correspondent" would make the twain very small indeed. We had no idea the feud among the Arrow literary champions had assumed such dangerous and bloodthirsty proportions or we should have thought twice before acting as "bottle-holder," by inserting the "Correspondent's" first letter. Knowing the great disadvantages under which the so-called "young person" labors, we are not disposed to second the redoubtable "Correspondent's" effort to extinguish him, and besides it is very questionable whether the controversy has interest for any persons outside of the Arrow Press-room and the "Correspondent" himself. The matter seems a purely personal one, and as such is scarcely fitted for the columns of a newspaper—especially, let us modestly remark, a newspaper whose readers are not confined to Wakatipu or Dunstan districts. We are at all times pleased to ventilate opinions on passing events if couched in fairly moderate tone, but when it comes to the "your another" pitch, we must cry enough.

As the proposal by Messrs Grant and MacKellar, submitted at the last meeting of the County Council, to establish communication between the Clutha and Lindis-Hawea Ridings has excited a good deal of attention in the district, we append fuller particulars than are contained in our condensed report. In their letter to the Council on the subject, the above-mentioned firm say that they have given considerable attention to the matter, and that they are prepared to submit plans and specifications for bridging the river on both sides, the construction of nearly 26 chains of road, and for the erection of extensive protective works against any further encroachments by the river; the said plans to be carried out at a cost not exceeding £10,000. They further offer to first submit their plans for the inspection and approval of the Engineer, and then, in the event of their being approved of, they undertake to complete the work within 12 months, and submitting, of course, to the conditions of an ordinary contract. Evidently Messrs Grant and MacKellar had given the question very serious consideration, and must have had the utmost confidence in the plan they were prepared to submit for inspection and approval, and considering this, and the fact that they proposed to carry out the work within twelve months, and that the cost is considerably under the estimate for the road via Dead-man's Point, we are surprised at the offer being treated in such a cavalier manner. Mr M'Ginty's amendment appears to us to have been a very fair and reasonable one, and one which ought to have been carried. It committed the Council to nothing, and yet gave time for a fair consideration of the route most adapted to meet the requirements of the public interest.

Original Correspondence.

THE OTAGO CENTRAL LINE.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR.—I enclose herewith copy of a telegram received from the Resident Engineer at Dunedin respecting the continuation of the Strathgairn survey, which, taken in conjunction with that already published from the Minister of Public Works, should suffice to dispel the evil-minded suspicions so unnecessarily indulged in upon the subject.—Yours &c.,

VINCENT PYKE.

Clyde, March 31st, 1879.

[ENCLOSURE]

To Vincent Pyke Esq., Clyde.

On my reaching Clyde with Strathgairn survey, he will break up his party for a few weeks, leaving camp &c. at Clyde till he makes out plans &c. for an estimate for the Assembly. After this he will proceed with survey to Cromwell.

E. R. USHER, Resident Engineer.

Dunedin, March 23d, 1879.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 31.

The bazaar in aid of the Arrow District Hospital fund was held in the Athenaeum Hall, on the 28th and 29th inst., and was a great success, considering the time given for its preparation was only one month. The ladies of the district, however, worked with a will that showed in the sequel how much could be done in so short a space of time, and I hear the financial result of their efforts is likely to amount to some £160—a handsome sum indeed. The provisional committee are getting in the money subscriptions very well, and the institution will shortly be built. I believe the subscribers will shortly be called upon to elect a permanent committee according to statute.

We are getting through harvest very well, and although crops are as a rule not up to the average, still in some cases a good 50 bushels to the acre may be quoted as the average. I see in a late article in the *Otago Witness*, by the "Lake County Correspondent," that 80 bushels to the acre has been the average in some instances. This statement may be put on a par with a late one he made in the same journal, concerning the prospects of the Arrow District Hospital, and as being misrepresentations of both the farming and philanthropic status of the district. It is a pity men like him cannot come within 30 acres of the truth when reporting; statements like the above only tend to injure the district and himself, and unless refuted by writers of a different calibre may still continue to annoy and disgust the readers of the *Otago Witness* in the Lake County. I therefore state, without fear of refutation, that no farm in Lake County has this season averaged a crop of anything like "80 bushels to the acre," nor has our intended Arrow District Hospital met with the support of the "few only," but with the almost unanimous assistance of young and old of both sexes, for a radius of some 15 or 20 miles round. "I speak the truth, impugn it who so list."

The reefs are looking as well as ever. The Tipperary stone is showing up excellently, and another rich cake may shortly be expected to hand. The All Nations and Homeward Bound Co.'s. are also busy crushing. Gold has also been struck in the Ladye Fayre, in the new low-level drive on the boundary of the claim. The Tipperary South Co. is still sinking on the reef. Dr Hector paid the mines a visit last week, and seemed to think highly of their payable character and permanency.

The leases for 21 years of 15 sections in the Borough Reserves were auctioned on Saturday, and all disposed of at fair rentals.

The Volunteers are preparing for the Demonstration, and it is mooted at headquarters that a challenge for a grand champion cup will be given by the Lakes District men against Southland. The conditions, I hear, will be—a team of 12, consisting of the four best shots to be picked from each of our three companies, to fire against any 12 of the Southland contingent. If our men shoot as well then as they have done within the last month for the district and other competitions, I have no doubt that they will make it warm for the South.

The matter of the erection of the Kawarau Bridge is apparently again postponed after all the County Council has done to get the matter settled. It appears Mr McCormick had plans and specifications drawn up, and the general idea was that his tender for the work would be accepted by the Government and County, but now a new light is thrown upon the scene, and tenders are to be called for after some three months of a perfect loss of time during the best season of the year. Truly this County is placed in a most unfair position with regard to this work, which should have been proceeded with at least a month ago. I don't think your Vincent County, as at present composed, would have been humbugged, were the same means offered for bridge-building as in this respect to our Council by the Government vote of £10,000. When I say I don't think so, I am sure not. It behoves the Lake County rate-payers to watch the matter closely, especially as the end of the financial year (June 30th) is drawing near, or the vote may lapse. The Borough Council of Arrowtown had to take the matter up last year, and was the means of waking up the County Council to a sense of its duty to the question. I hope the Borough may keep its eyes wide open to the present state of affairs, and, at the risk of being considered too zealous, bring this truly vital question up at its meetings, and see that the work is commenced in accordance with the pledges of both Government and County Council before the close of the financial year.

I do not hear any more about the Crown Terrace Road; but I do know that 1,100 acres will be settled upon the terrace in a week or two, and the deferred payment selectors will require this road for the carriage of fencing and farming implements at once to their lands; and I am also perfectly aware of the fact that £1,500 has been placed by Government at the command of the County Council for this very work. The County Surveyor has recommended the work to be proceeded with—Why this delay? It strikes me forcibly that a meeting of rate-payers in this quarter to urge their requirements would be productive of considerable benefit to the County, the more especially at this end, where the representation in the Council is not much to speak of, and, to say the least, is a very weak one.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

The usual bi-monthly meeting of the Council was held in the new Council Chambers on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at noon. Present—Vincent Pyke, Esq. (Chairman), and Councillors Naylor, Colclough, Greenbank, Pitches and M'Ginnis.

Previous to opening the meeting, the Chairman, in presence of Councillors as above, Mr Wales (architect) and Mr James Taylor (contractor), made a short address, during which he said the opening of the building (the County Council office) he looked upon as the death-blow to the centralising policy that had previously existed, and which had robbed the interior not alone of its population but of its capital in favor of the seaboard, notably Dunedin. He then read a scroll which contained a brief history of the County system, the names of the Councillors of Vincent County, names of the County officers, also of the architect, contractor, and principal workmen, then placing it in a leaden case, placed in an aperture in the front gable of the building, and fronting it with the cope stone, a block of native marble with the figures "1878" cut in it and gilt, he declared the building open for the business of the Council.

The minutes of previous meeting were read.

Cr Colclough said he was not interested in the question he was about to put; he did so on principle. He wanted to know if the names of the proposer and seconder of motions passed in committee were embodied in the minutes.—The Chairman said it was merely the report of the committee, and not the business in detail, that was written up.

The minutes were then confirmed.

The Council then adjourned, and on re-assembling at 2.30,

Crs Fraser and Jolly took their seats.

The schedules of inward and outward correspondence were read.

The Chairman stated that the Council had now received £10,000 of the vote for repairing damages done by the late flood.

In reply to Cr Colclough, the Chairman stated that the rumor that the survey of the Strath-taieri line would stop at Clyde was a canard set afoot by some mischievously-inclined person for purposes of his own. He read a copy of telegram he had sent to the Minister of Public Works, as follows:—Clyde, 24th March, 1879. Minister Public Works, Dunedin. Rumored that Strath-taieri survey staff are to be withdrawn. Can you authorise me to deny this? Vincent Pyke, Chairman.—He said when in receipt of reply he would lay it before the Council. At a later stage of the meeting he read the following telegram which he had received:—Dunedin, March 26th, 1879. Am not aware of any intention to withdraw survey staff before survey is completed to Pembroke; but, if so, it can only be temporarily to enable works to be put in hand this year, and which cannot otherwise be done with present staff. The intentions of the Government are to proceed with survey to Pembroke, and you may depend on this being accomplished before we are in a position to go on with actual work of conservation, so that then, assuming temporarily withdrawn, central interior will be in no way prejudiced. Jas. Macandrew, Minister Public Works.

The Chairman stated that the Government had informed him that the question of a telegraph to Wanaka would be included in the next estimates to be laid before Parliament.

The Chairman stated there had been only two objections to the assessment of the past year; the one was an evident error, and the other was reduced from £250 to £180.

Resolved—"That the Council decide to recommend that a read-line be reserved through the mining reserve from proposed site of bridge at Dead Man's Point to Gay-street, Cromwell."

Resolved—"That the Chairman in conjunction with other county chairmen, combine to take action to obtain their due proportion of the Otago Land Fund."

The reports of the Engineer on roads and bridges were read.

The Council then resolved itself into committee, which, on rising at 6 p.m., adjourned till 8 p.m.

EVENING SITTING.

On the Council meeting, they again went into Committee.

On meeting again, the report of the Committee was read and received. Amongst the matters dealt with in the report was one having reference to the use of boring rods.

Accounts amounting to £91 17s 0d were passed for payment.

The reports of the Ranger, Valuator, License Inspector and Rate Collector, the latter showing the total amount of rates unpaid to date being £124 2s, were read and received.

Resolved—"That the County Solicitor be instructed to proceed for the recovery of all rates unpaid."

The Treasurer's report, to the effect that since the last audit, the total amount of receipts had been £18,408 7s 1d, and that the credit balance in hand was £14,003, was read.

The meeting then adjourned till next day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

The Council resumed business at 10 a.m., the same Councillors as attended yesterday being present.

The Notices of Motion on Order Paper, as follows, were dealt with:—

Cr Colclough moved—"That tenders be invited for the supply of tools and materials as per schedule, deliverable at Clyde, Cromwell and Blacks for 12 months."

The motion was amended by adding the word "Alexandra," and was seconded by Cr M'Ginnis, and after some discussion was carried, some Councillors, however, holding that the proposal was impracticable, and would entail loss both in time and money.

Cr Colclough moved—"That tenders be invited for the County account from the three local banking institutions."

Cr Pitches seconded, as he said, to test the feeling of the meeting.

Cr Colclough, in support of the motion, said he had intended tabling the motion previously, but opportunity had not been favorable. One chief reason why the motion should be carried was from what he had been told—that at the time the existing tender was accepted, there was some unfairness. He then gave a good deal of hearsay evidence that apparently fell but lightly on his hearers; he then urged as a reason for the change, that it was never contemplated that one Bank should have the County business in perpetuity, and further that as the money market was materially changed since the arrangement was entered into, far better terms could be obtained.

The Chairman contradicted the statement of unfairness, and said the expression should either be withdrawn or an apology made; he said, having unbosomed himself of his just indignation, he desired to explain that the Bank of New Zealand, if they had, as Cr Colclough would desire to impress on the Council, such a good thing in the County account, they might have equally had a bad thing, but he failed to see it; they were particularly accommodating, and as to change the account would entail no end of expense and trouble, he hoped that the motion would not be carried.

After a lengthened discussion, the motion was put and lost.

Cr Naylor moved—"That the resolution passed at the last meeting respecting the re-erection of the Clyde bridge be altered, so as to read as follows: 'That the engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the re-erection of a bridge at Clyde as soon as plans and specifications have been completed for bridges already approved of.'"

A considerable amount of discussion took place over this motion, Cr Colclough saying it was an attempt to gain an undue advantage by a side wind, and he was determined that until more necessary works in the northern part of the County were under way, he would oppose it.

The motion was eventually carried.

Cr Colclough moved—"That a few daymen be put on the Cardrona track-road to repair damages by the floods, and otherwise clear the road so as to be practicable."

The principle of stuffing the Order Paper with motions asking for votes for small sums of money, was objected to by the whole of the Council, and it was eventually resolved that the attention of the engineer be drawn to the road in question.

Councillor Colclough moved—"That, as the newly-made Lindis road only requires to cross the river at one place and where facilities exist for a light suspension bridge, the engineer be instructed to report as to the feasibility of utilizing the two chair wire-ropes at Macandrew Bridge, after opening of said bridge, by placing them at the Lindis crossing referred to as part of a pack-bridge, and generally to report on the scheme."

The mover said the total cost of the structure would not exceed £250, and if constructed would prove of great public utility.

Cr Greenbank said he desired to express his dissent to the construction of these light bridges.—The motion was carried.

Councillor Colclough moved—"That tenders be invited for the construction of the road Rocky Point to Quartz-reef Point."

The Chairman said he had received a letter which affected his motion, and he thought it well the Council should be made acquainted with its contents before coming to any decision. He then read a letter from Messrs Grant and MacKellar, contractors, Cromwell, wherein they offered to complete the Rocky Point Bridge and open up communication for the sum of £10,000, to be completed in 12 months. He (the Chairman) was not quite sure which route would be the most useful, and he suggested, so as now to prevent

discussion on a subject all the councillors were not particularly well acquainted with, that the next sitting of the Council, which would be a special one, should be held in Cromwell, when the two routes could be inspected, after which, the Council would be able to give an intelligent vote.

Cr Greenbank spoke earnestly against the motion, until the question of which road was most desirable was confirmed.

Cr M'Ginnis embodied in an amendment the Chairman's suggestion; it, however, was lost, and the motion was carried.

Councillor Naylor moved—"That the applications of James Maxwell and Alexander Patterson for relief and assistance whilst disabled from work by accidents received in the County service be considered and dealt with by the Council."

After discussion it was resolved to give Patterson the sum of £10, he being a married man with a wife and family of three children. It was distinctly understood, however, that the Council did not recognize their employees had any claim on them, and that the present case was to be no precedent.

Cr Jolly moved—"That a committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon Mr Timothy Gorman's claim for compensation, Kirtleburn road passing through his private property."

Withdrawn by consent.

Cr Jolly moved—"That the Engineer be instructed to report at next meeting of the Council, as to the necessity for raising 10 chains of the road leading to the Albert Town punt, on the west side of the river, about 4ft above the present level, and otherwise protecting the road from the river encroachment."

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

On resuming at 2 p.m.:—

Cr Jolly moved—"That the Engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of maintaining the different main County roads for the season ending March 31st, 1880, applications to be called for persons willing to undertake the various works at stated prices to be fixed by the Council. The successful applicant to provide horse and dray for the more efficient carrying out of his contract."

Over this motion, the question of contract versus day labor was ventilated, each system having its admirers; eventually it was resolved:—"That the main arterial roads, viz.—from Taupoka County boundary, via Alexandra to Clyde, and thence on to Kirtleburn, be let by tender, and all other roads to be repaired by day labor."

Councillor Naylor moved—"That the sum of £40 be granted to Mr W. G. Rees, for repairs to the road between Little Valley and Robinson's crossing, Manuherikia River."

The question of principle here again cropped up, the Council holding that where roads required repairing, application should be made in the proper quarter. It was resolved to vote the sum of £20.

The Council now went into Committee, and on resuming recommended:—"That the schedule of moneys, £3,325 1s 5d, required by the Engineer be voted; also, £100 be paid to the contractor for extra work performed on County buildings.

The Council then adjourned to the 23rd April at Cromwell.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, March 25.

After a long debate on Zulu affairs, a vote of want of confidence in the Government has been defeated by 156 against 61.

The Premier, in making a statement concerning the British policy in Africa, said confederation and not annexation was desirable. Sir Bartle Frere was the right man in the right place, and was only blamed because he assumed supreme power in the declaration of war.

The Queen has started for Italy.

Negotiations continue with Yakoob Khan.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate the chief of the gendarmes at St. Petersburg. The assassin escaped.

A severe earthquake in Northern Persia caused great damage. Nearly 1,100 persons perished.

The London Committee recommends the French Government to appoint three Committees for the Sydney Exhibition; such Committees to severally control the representation of agriculture, manufactures, and science.

In the House of Lords to-day, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question, said that if the Treaty of Berlin were not fulfilled the Sultan thought that the British fleet in the Sea of Marmora should be sent to the Black Sea to secure compliance with its conditions, and that he (the Sultan) should be authorised to ask the assistance of the allies. The Secretary of State added that he did not anticipate the contingency alluded to by the Sultan would arise.

The Eastern Company's tender has been accepted for the Cape cable, utilising the Australian duplicate one.

Sir John Coode's scheme of improvement of the river Yarra and construction of docks involves a cost of over a million.

The *National Zeitung* declares that unless the Powers join together in crushing Socialism, it will result in deluging the whole of Europe with blood. The same paper says that out of all the European sovereigns Queen Victoria's life is the only one out of danger.

March 26.

Tenders for the Queensland 4 per cent. loan (£1,184,486) were received to the amount of £2,934,000. Those at £39 1s 6d and upwards will be received in full.

The Oriental Bank is unable to pay a dividend for the last half-year. The whole of the reserve has been absorbed.

The wool sales closed to day. 230,000 bales were sold during the series, and 30,000 bales held over for next sales.

In the House of Commons a lengthy discussion took place on a vote of want of confidence, moved by Sir Charles Dilke, relative to the Zulu War.

Colonel Stanley said it was inexpedient to make a statement defending Sir Bartle Frere, and the House agreed to an adjournment of the debate.

Lord Cranbrook blamed Sir Bartle Frere for precipitating the war with the Zulus without obtaining the decision of the Cabinet.

The relations between Turkey and Greece are critical.

The Elections Committee has unseated Sir Bryan O'Loughlin for Clare.

More than once we have compared the relative merits of the agricultural lease and deferred payment systems as a means of quickly and permanently settling the country, and shown that the lease system is far and away the best, judging from results before our eyes. Confirmatory testimony comes from the Mt. Ida and Taupoka districts, where the deferred payments have proved anything but satisfactory. The *Taupoka Times* furnishes a striking instance of this in the following paragraph:—Some short time ago, 9,000 acres of land were surveyed and partly thrown open on Captain Henderson's run, between Horse Shoe Bend and Millers Flat. A portion was opened under agricultural lease and a portion under deferred payment. Every section of the former was taken up, but not a single section of the latter, the fact being that the sections were too small, when the rough character of the land is taken into consideration, for men to take them up, reside upon them and make homes for themselves thereon. The people about Horse Shoe Bend and Millers Flat should take some action to get the Government to throw open the unallotted land under agricultural lease, instead of deferred payments. If this is not done, we would not wonder to find the runholder some fine day coming into possession of it.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Mr Hislop (Secretary for Education), has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The wages paid in connection with the erection of the Sydney Exhibition building amount to £2700 a week.

Lynch, one of the Kelly sympathisers, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for sending a threatening letter to Mr Monk.

Mrs Major Croker has instructed Mr Rochford, solicitor, to enter an action for libel against the Auckland *Herald* for £5000.

The Government intend to negotiate with a contractor to complete the through railway from Melbourne to Sydney before the opening of the Exhibition.

Statistics show the municipal valuation of Victoria last year to be £7,030,758. The revenue has declined £59,515, mainly through the abolition of tolls.

In the Wellington educational district there are over 8,000 children of school age, but the average daily attendance at the public schools is less than half.

The Christchurch City Council have determined to ask for a sum of money to be placed on the Estimates for acquiring a site for a gubernatorial residence in Christchurch.

The Invercargill Volunteer Demonstration Committee has decided not to take cadets, on the ground that there is not sufficient billeting accommodation for them and the men.

A man named Brown fell into a boiling vat at the New Zealand Meat Preserving Works at Washdyke on Tuesday last, and was horribly scalded, the flesh hanging in shreds.

Banks, the cook of the ship *Loch Fergus*, who was struck with a handspike by an apprentice in a quarrel the other day, has since died, never having recovered consciousness.

During last week there were carried on the Christchurch section of the railways 181,781 bags of grain. On Saturday 10,000 bags were brought into Christchurch, and 5,000 carried to Timaru.

Venzelberg, an old man living at Barnstable, Victoria, committed suicide by putting gunpowder in a dish, deliberately resting his head on the dish, and firing the powder. His head was completely blown away.

Mounted-Constable Bashford was fined £1 under the regulations, not for not saluting Colonel Brett, but for replying "No" when he should have said "No, sir." Bashford leaves the force and takes a public-house.

Mr Mansford gave judgment for £50 and costs against M'Ardle, the Wellington publican who ejected one Bourke from his house for disorderly conduct on a Sunday, and broke his leg in so doing. The magistrate was of opinion that unnecessary force was used in the ejection.

By the Lyttelton have arrived, in perfect health, six cocks and seven hens of the 20 head of black game shipped by Mr Bills in Scotland for the Otago and North Otago Acclimatisation Societies. His success is all the more remarkable, in that they are the first birds of their kind ever landed alive in the colonies, and they rarely survive even a moderate sea passage.

An altercation, which led to a regular stand-up fight, took place at the Hutt (Wellington District) railway station last week, between two well-known members of the Civil Service. The parties went into one of the station rooms, an under-secretary acting as umpire, and several rounds were fought, one party being severely punished.

The Wellington correspondent of the Dunedin *Age* says:—A large number of insolvencies have occurred lately. We have had men of all classes going through the mill—cobblers, tailors, dominies, civil servants, bill-posters, and the list closed to-day with a parson of the Anglican Church. It is fully expected half-a-dozen boot-blacks, washer-women and chimney-sweeps will file next week.

Mr Walter L. Miller, accountant of the Bank of New South Wales, Greymouth, committed suicide, on March 27, in an outhouse of the Bank, by blowing out his brains with a revolver. The deceased had been in Greymouth for seven or eight years, and was well liked, but had been under medical attention during the last month, his wife's illness having affected him. He leaves a wife and two children, the youngest about a month old. His death is much regretted, and except the anxiety about his wife's health, no other cause is known for his suicide.

A youth named M'Crimmon, a promising member of the Melbourne Cricket Club, has come to grief from the same cause as that which led to the downfall of George Barnwell, of ballad fame. To gratify the cupidity of a female associate he stole several articles of jewellery, and sums of money, from the pockets of his fellow members' coats, while they were playing a match. Detection, and, in consideration of his youth, seven days' imprisonment, followed in due course.

The present Government, which came in on the cry of purity and retrenchment, has spent more of the public money than any of its predecessors in travelling in a kind of regal state about the New Zealand coasts, says the *Morning Herald*. We notice too that Mr Macandrew must have a special train to take him to the Port. It really seems as if it were below the dignity of New Zealand Ministers to travel with the common crowd. They profess indeed to have a mighty love for the people, but they take precious good care to keep them at a respectful distance, though it must be owned they do them the honor of spending their money right royally.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Denominationalism.—"Who made you?" was asked by Mr Inspector Retself of a small girl in Canterbury. She replied: "God made me that length," indicating with her hands the ordinary size of a newborn infant, "and I grew the rest myself." The ancient mariner collapsed and severely bled his nasalities.

A citizen of Invercargill named Mackintosh has a grievance. He writes to a local paper that his next-door neighbor is allowed to have his barber's pole at an angle of 45 degrees over the pathway. Sad, very.

The Yankees are proverbial for their ingenuity, but this, their latest "calculation," beats all we have heard, namely—the manufacture of hen's eggs from inexpensive materials in San Francisco. The albumen is imitated by a mixture of sulphur, carbon, and fatty matter obtained from the slaughter-houses, and rendered sticky with mucilage. The yolk is made of bad blood, phosphate of lime, magnesia-muriate of ammonia, oleic and magaric acids, and colored with chrome yellow. The shells are shaped by a blow-pipe from a mass of gypsum (plaster of Paris), carbonate of lime, and oxide of iron. After the shells are blown the albumen is forced in through a hole in the end, and sticks to the sides; then the yolk is added, and after being covered with more of the albumen mixture, the hole is sealed with cement; the whole egg is then "rubbed pretty smooth and laid aside for packing." It is asserted that many barrels of these eggs have been already shipped eastward for consumption; and as a pleasing adjunct to meat from the "slink butcher," they will no doubt be gratefully welcomed by British housekeepers in search of "cheap and nutritious" food.

The pension which Sir George Bowen will be entitled to in 1881 will be the largest allowed under the regulations. He has already administered the government of colonies in which the Governor's salary is not less than £5,000 per annum, for 18 years, and only awaits the completion of his sixtieth year to be able to claim a retiring allowance of £1,000 per annum. The regulation allowance for the expenses of the voyage home is from Australia £800, and that for the voyage from England to the Mauritius £700. As, however, he only proceeds homeward as far as Suez, taking the *Messageries Imperiales* steamer thence to Mauritius, the full allowance of £1,500 will, of course, be proportionately reduced.

A recent telegram from Cairo states that the British steamer *Northborne*, has been aground in the Bitter Lakes for two days, and all efforts to float her have hitherto proved unavailing. The traffic through the Suez Canal is totally interrupted in consequence.

The London *Mining Journal* points out that, aside from its other advantages, the success of the electric light would solve a most important problem affecting the lives of many persons now working in mines. "There appears to be no reason," says the *Journal*, "why electricity should not be made applicable for mining instead of lamps, and this would effect what our mining engineers and foremost chemists have long been looking for. It would give the men a light such as they have never dreamt of, enabling them to get a much larger quantity of coal in a given time than it is possible for them to bring down by the light of the lamp, which barely suffices to make the blackness of the working places visible. It would also benefit both masters and men, and greater safety would be ensured, for explosions would be all but impossible, whilst the miners would be better able to guard against falls of roof and coal."

The individual who assisted the murderer Walsh to "shuffle off this mortal coil" apparently has a keen eye to business. We learn from Invercargill that the rope, and other "perquisite" of the functionary in question, are on sale at a store there. Time was when such ghastly mementos of celebrated criminals fetched a guinea a foot, but we trust that no one will be found possessed of such foolishly morbid propensities as to "speculate" in the present instance.

The last novelty in London thieving is rather a peculiar one. A young lady was, in company with her brother, looking in at a shop window in Pall Mall, when she felt a slight touch on her shoulder, and, turning round, saw an ill-favored fellow moving away from her. She thought nothing further of it; but, on returning home, she discovered that the loose knot of her hair had been nearly cut through, and on removing her bonnet half a yard of her hair fell off. The scoundrel had evidently been disturbed, or he would have carried off his spoil. The young lady had a profusion of beautiful brown hair—a fashionable hue just now. This occurred in the forenoon, about 11 o'clock, when few passengers were about.

The following is told by a writer in the *European Mail*:—The flight of a director of the Glasgow City Bank is a startling incident, and has caused much comment. But there are many people who will find excuses for his conduct. I remember, a great many years ago now, a disaster of a character similar to the Glasgow Bank failure, although not of such magnitude, occurred. A director was called upon to forfeit everything he possessed towards satisfying the claims upon the fallen concern. "Then," said he, turning to the opposing counsel, "you deprive me of everything but my walking-stick; perhaps you would like to have that also." But they graciously allowed him to retain it, and he walked out of Court leaning upon it for support. And support it turned out, in more senses than one; for being hollow, the wily director had stuffed it with bank notes, to the tune of £30,000.

REGULATION OF MINES ACT.

The Regulation of Mines Act, 1874, which has been proclaimed in force throughout the colony, provides that inspectors, to be appointed by the Governor, shall be empowered, and it shall be their duty generally to examine and report upon all mines in their district and the machinery connected therewith. Further, it is provided that if any inspector finds on any such inspection of a mine, "any matters or practice to be dangerous or defective, so as, in his opinion, to threaten or tend to the bodily injury of any person," he shall give notice in writing to the owner or manager to remedy the matter complained of, and shall also report to the Governor. A mode of appeal to arbitration from the inspector's judgment is then provided and the decision is to be final. The Act also provides a code of general rules to be observed, such as an adequate ventilation shall be cared for, the workings duly secured, a system of signals established, proper ladders and ropes used. But with reference to mines in particular it is enacted that—"Within two years after commencing the working of any boards, stalls, or long-wall workings, there shall be made and completed at least two separate and distinct openings to the day or surface from such mine, inter-communicating with each other, by means of which openings all persons employed in the mine may at all times whatsoever pass in or out." These two openings to every mine are to be completed under a penalty of £10 a month. Special rules are also to be established and posted in every mine, and penalties are imposed for violation or neglect of any general or special rules. Such is the pith of this highly necessary but entirely neglected Act.

A man named Duncan M'Rae, about a month since, fell while running at Cromwell and dislocated his right shoulder. Nothing effective was done to remedy the injury, and last week M'Rae arrived in Dunedin and went to the hospital to have his shoulder attended to; but the injury was of a character not easily dealt with, and it was found necessary that he should remain in the Hospital for treatment.

The unprecedented calamities caused by the floods, and the very serious losses sustained throughout this district, render it more than ever satisfactory to W. TALBOYS, of the London House, that he is in a position to mitigate the evil to some degree by offering his Drapery and Groceries at exceedingly low prices. His Groceries, of which he has laid in a large stock, are quoted in another column fully 25 per cent. below ordinary retail rates. The drapery prices are bearing fruit everyday.—W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell.—[Add.]

At the annual distribution of prizes to members of the 1st Cheshire Rifle Volunteers, Lieutenant-Colonel King, the commander, and one of the oldest officers in the English Volunteer service, said that some time back, in obedience to instructions from the War Office, he collected statistics showing the annual expenditure and receipts of the battalion for the year, and the result of his inquiries very much astonished him. He found that the average excess of annual expenditure of the staff of his battalion and of seven companies belonging to it over the receipts amounted to no less than £724, and he had no doubt that had the return for the remaining company been added, the sum would have reached £800. Assuming that the excess of expenditure over receipts was the same in the case of the 230 or 240 battalions which existed in the country, it would appear that £190,000 was paid annually either by the Volunteers or their friends to keep up the force.

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Dated at Cromwell this 13th day of March, 1879.

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